

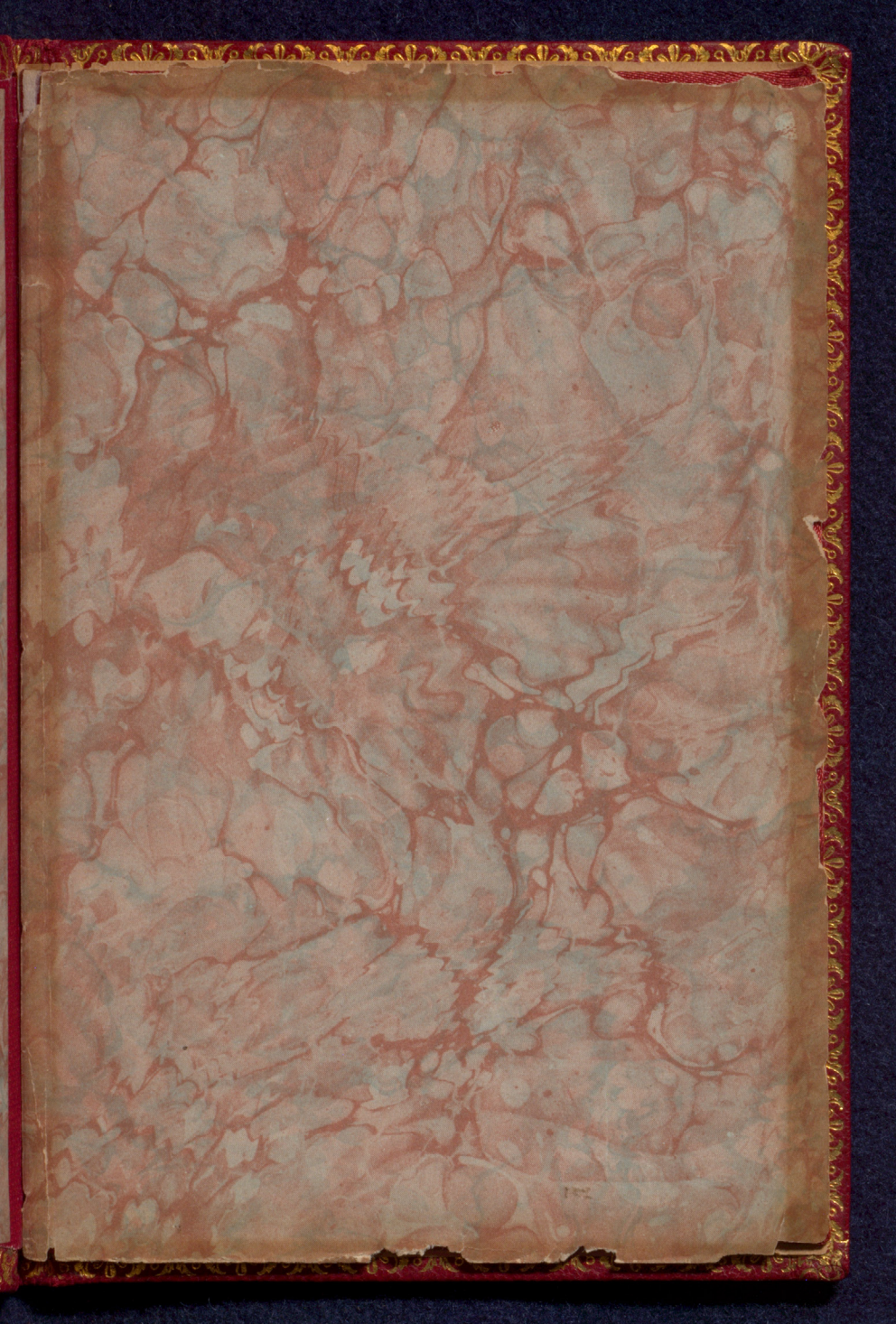


OSLER LETTER

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From a letter of W. O. to me,
18 July, 1908: "I hear great
praise from some of the London
men of Dr. Abbott's article on
Congenital Heart in Vol. IV of
the System. It quite dominates
the volume."

W. W. F.

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13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

Dear Dr Abbott

I knew you
would write a good article
but I did not expect one
of such extraordinary
merit. It is by far & away
the very best thing ever
written on the subject in
English — possibly in any
language. I cannot begin
to tell you how much
I appreciate the care &

P.S. I have but one regret. That ~~Reichardt~~
& Reichardt are not alive to see it.
Your tribute to R. is splendid. My
feelings were the same when I read
the manuscript.

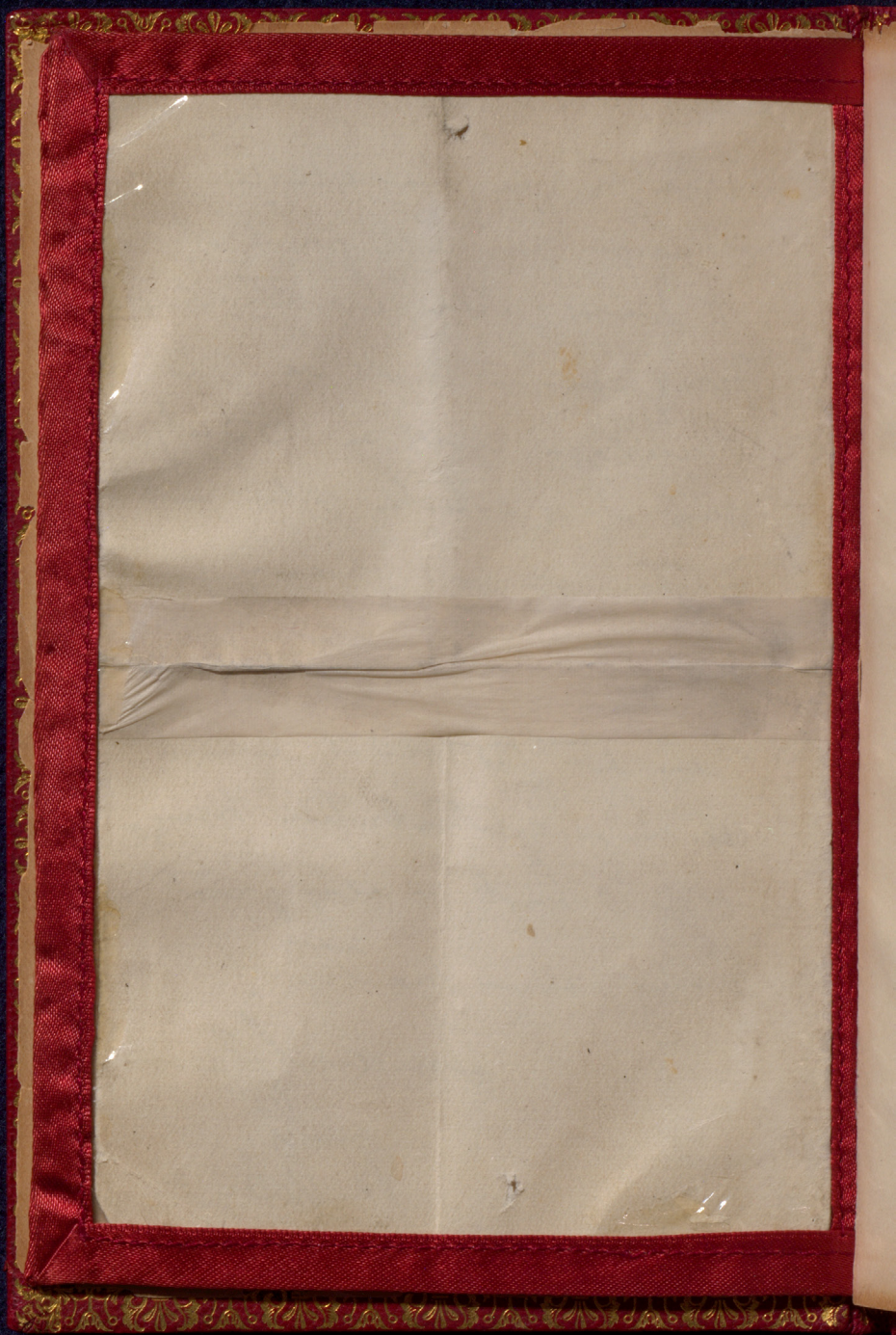
trouble you have taken, but
I know you will find it
to have been worthwhile.

For years it will be the
standard work on the subject
and it is articles of this sort
& there are not many of
them — that make a
system of medicine.

Then too the credit which
such a contribution brings
to the school is very great
Many many thanks!

Sincerely yours

W. B. Oler



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This letter was one of Maudie Abbott's proudest possessions. When it threatened to wear out, I had it bound for her on condition that she left it to the Osler Library (which she meant to do in any case).

It refers to her "Congenital cardiac disease" in Osler's "System" ("modern med."). She was deeply touched last year when we discovered that he had inserted a fine (but forgotten) early photo. of her in his copy, # 3572, iv, at p. 322, opposite the beginning of her monograph.

The name beneath the photo., of which I have inserted a copy here, is in Osler's hand.

W. W. F.

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